

August 15, 2011

Barbara Rice
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Dear Ms Rice,

The City of Sacramento is writing in support of the Delta Protection Commission's (DPC) application to the National Parks Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program for the Great California Delta Trail collaborative planning process. The City of Sacramento is planning to partner with the DPC to assist with vital media outreach, coordinating meetings, and acquiring the essential GIS data. Additionally, the City hopes the Great California Delta Trail will link and overlay onto Sacramento River Trail System.

In 2007, the State Legislature passed Senate Bill 1556 (Torlakson), requiring the DPC to develop and implement a plan for a continuous regional recreational corridor that would extend around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta shorelines within the five Delta counties.

The California Coastal Conservancy granted the DPC funding to develop a Great California Delta Trail Blueprint in Contra Costa and Solano Counties. Now the DPC is undertaking the Blueprint Report for Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo Counties in-house with limited staffing, and therefore in-kind assistance and partnerships are of tremendous value for the process.

This project closely aligns with the purposes of the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program since the Delta Trail will benefit from the expertise and partnership with the staff of the National Parks Service. Again, the City of Sacramento fully supports the application for the NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program and looks forward to working with the DPC and the NPS to continue progress on the Great California Delta Trail.

Sincerely,

Hon. Darrell Fong
City of Sacramento

CC: Michael Machado, Delta Protection Commission
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